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OUTLINES.

The Senate was in session only an hour yesterday; it adjourned until Monday. —— The House disposed of the Indian Appropriation bill after a long debate. —— The Maine court of inquiry is quietly continuing its work in Havana harbor; nothing is divulged. —— It is again affirmed in Washington that the government has not yet acquired a single additional ship for the navy; but it has had many offers; it is denied, also, that the Spanish government has been notified that the President intended to send to Congress a message announcing recognition of Cuban independence. —— Captain General Blanco telegraphs Madrid that the situation in Cuba has improved. —— The Spanish military agent has made three conditional purchases of coasting steamers at Fiume and two at Pola. —— The Russian government has authorized extraordinary expenditures for construction of warships. —— Great Britain's naval estimates presented to the House of Commons amount to over twenty-five million pounds; a question was propounded in the House of Commons whether the government will consider advisability of placing the services of the British fleet at the disposal of the United States in the event of complications between the latter and any foreign power; the question was withdrawn, but the speaker said he was convinced it would have been answered affirmatively; that the interests of Great Britain and the United States are inseparably entwined. —— Sagasta, the Spanish Premier, denies rumors of ministerial changes. —— The Sharkey-Choynski fight takes place in San Francisco tonight. —— A joint resolution to admit free of duty naval supplies procured abroad was introduced in the Senate yesterday. —— The new Spanish Minister has arrived in Washington. —— Work on torpedo boats building at the Columbian Iron Works, Baltimore, is being hurried by the government. —— Monitor Miantonomah and ram Kathadin placed in commission. —— Work is being rushed on warships at the Brooklyn navy yard. —— Senator Proctor, returning from his visit to Havana, is reported as saying that everyone in Havana knows that the Maine was blown up; Spaniards no longer deny it. —— Hon. W. J. Bryan made two speeches in Augusta, Ga., yesterday, to large audiences. —— New England manufacturers propose a curtailment in production of cotton mills this summer. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 1@2½ per cent., last loan at 1 per cent.; cotton easy—middling 6⅞c: flour dull and easy; wheat—spot easy; No. 2 red $1.07½; corn spot steady; No. 2, 37⅛c.; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, D. C., March 10.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 50 deg.; 8 P.M., 58 deg.; maximum, 69 deg.; minimum, 50 deg.; mean, 60 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .T; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .88.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Western storm area is gathering force and is now central near Oklahoma. Rain is falling to its eastward over the lakes and western Ohio valley, over the lower Missouri and Mississippi valleys and Texas, and snow over Nebraska. Light showers fell during the day over western North Carolina and Virginia. Cloudiness is reported over the remainder of the country. It continues warm to the east of the storm area, and cool northwest. High barometer prevails over the greater portion of the country.

Local forecast to 12 o'clock midnight Friday: Cloudy, warm weather, with an occasional local showers possible; northeast to southwest winds.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 6.9 feet.

Port Almanac--March 11.

Sun Rises	6.17 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.04 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 47 M.
High Water at Southport	9.28 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	11.58 A. M.

Cannibals in the Congo country have eaten a Belgian official. That was a rough way to take him in.

E. S. Thing, town treasurer of Exeter, N. H., is short $14,000. They thought he was straight, but he turns out to be a crooked Thing.

Hon. Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, says he is out of politics for good. As this takes his fiddle with him it removes a picturesque combination from politics.

New Zeland has twenty establishments where 20,000,000 of sheep can be frozen each year for the English market. This looks like giving John Bull the cold shoulder.

A Baltimore dude who got his clothes made in London has been sued for $1,808.64 by his English tailor, and the young man now finds himself with one suit he didn't expect.

A Havana dispatch published yesterday says the opinion in Havana is that the Court of Inquiry is now "principally engaged in killing time." It will kill a good deal of time before it makes its official report.

Some of the Republican statesmen who are opposed to the annexation of Hawaii give as a reason the 7,000 white people sandwiched in between 33,000 ignorant natives and about 70,000 Chinese and Japanese, wouldn't make a good layout for a self-governing State. There is something in the objection, but they didn't take that view of it when they were saddling the emancipated negro as a voter on the South.

A Chicago paper contends that it is the hen and not the eagle which should be our national bird. The brother of the hen is the duly recognized Democratic bird, which never fails to put in an appearance after elections when he has an opportunity to vocalize.

From the unanimity with which millions are appropriated by Congress, and the rapidity with which vessels are equipped and shooting stuff turned out, other nations will come to the conclusion that Uncle Sam is a hustler when there is occasion for it.

Senator Mills has withdrawn from the race for a renomination. As they have decided to let only silver men into the primaries, he thinks he would be too much handicapped in the race and therefore concludes not to enter.

Judging from the rush to the Klondike country, there must be a good many people who do not read the papers or have no confidence in Prof. Brice's recipe for making gold out of lead and other stuff.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. Shrier—The proper thing.
J. H. Bunting—Tube-rose bulbs.
Joe B. Warren—Bicycle challenge.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Officer F. P. Toomer arrested a white tramp last night and took him to the proper place, namely, the guard house.

— In Justice Bunting's court yesterday John Smith, colored, was tried for assault with a deadly weapon upon W. T. Brown. Smith was adjudged not guilty.

— The STAR is glad to announce that Dr. Russell now has very strong hopes for the recovery of Mr. and Mrs. Levy's little child, so seriously injured Wednesday by a city trash cart.

— The North Carolina Car will arrive at 9.30 this morning attached to the regular Atlantic Coast Line train, and will be transferred to the spur track on Nutt street, where it will be on exhibition.

— Mr. A. Shrier advertises "The Proper Thing" in the STAR this morning. He is in an elegant new store at 114 Market street and has a line of fresh new goods. Watch out for what he has to say in his advertisements.

— This afternoon, from five to six o'clock, Mrs. M. S. Willard and Miss Julia Gore will be at the new museum of the Daughters of the Confederacy for the purpose of receiving any donations or loans of civil war relics that may be sent by members or friends.

— The Democratic Executive Committee have decided to hold the convention of Onslow county May 2nd to appoint delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial conventions. The primaries are to be held April 23d. The Democrats of Onslow are wide awake.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—111 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 6 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—80 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 56 bbls rosin, 40 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—1 bale cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 128 bbls rosin, 22 bbls tar, 15 bbls crude turpentine.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—13 bbls rosin, 52 bbls tar.

Steamer Driver—28 bales cotton, 62 bbls rosin, 30 bbls tar.

Schooner Mary Wheeler 10 bales cotton, 15 bbls tar.

Schooner Ruth J.—12 casks spirits turpentine, 34 bbls rosin, 20 bbls tar.

Schooner Minnie Ward—2 bales cotton, 88 bbls tar.

C. Larkins' flat—1 bale cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 13 bbls rosin, 4 bbls tar.

Total—Cotton, 233 bales; spirits turpentine, 25 casks; rosin, 306 bbls; tar, 320 bbls; crude turpentine, 15 casks.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Barentine.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Florence G. Barentine, who died on night before last, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Presbyterian Church. The solemn services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, and there were present a goodly number of friends and acquaintances of the deceased to witness the last sad rites. After the services at the church, the funeral cortege proceeded to Oakdale cemetery, where the interment was made. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. B. G. Worth, W. A. Risch, and C. H. Robinson, and Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy. The following were the active pall bearers: Messrs. C. W. Polvogt, J. H. Rehder, R. R. Bellamy, W. M. Cumming, H. W. Collins, C. W. Worth.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. B. T. McBryde, of Fayetteville, is in the city.

— Mr. U. C. Stubbs, of Hub, was here on business yesterday.

— Mr. J. W. Dailey, of Newbern, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. C. C. Bridgers, of Mount Tarbor, was here yesterday.

— Miss Hettie Darden, of Little River Academy, is in the city visiting friends.

— Mr. I. J. Kelly, a well known citizen of Mt. Olive, spent last night in the city.

— Mr. Geo. L. Morton returned to the city yesterday after an absence of several days.

— John H. Gore, Esq., returned yesterday from attending Superior Court at Elizabethtown.

— Miss Ida Biggerstaff, of Forest City, arrived in the city yesterday, and is registered at the Orton.

— Mr. A. Whiteley, of the *Times*, Jacksonville N. N., arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Orton.

— Miss Ethel Love, of Chester, S. C., who has spent the past several days in the city, leaves to-day for her home.

— Mr. H. L. McNeill, a well known attorney from Sanford, who has been in the city for several days, returned home yesterday.

— Mr. J. Kirkland Hill, editor of the Maxton *Scottish Chief*, and one of the industrial agents, paid the STAR office a pleasant call yesterday.

— Mr. H. L. Fry, of Greensboro, and Mr. James Kyle, of Fayetteville, popular officials of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. O. H. Wright, formerly of Wilmington but now of the F. C. and P. railroad, arrived in the city yesterday. He is now stationed at Jacksonville, Fla.

— Mr. L. W. Warrock, who has been for the last several months in Columbia, S. C., in the mechanical department of the *Register*, arrived in the city yesterday.

— The STAR had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Mr. T. R. Walker, editor of the *News Reporter*, Littleton, N. C., and one of the energetic S. A. L. industrial agents.

— Mr. J. D. Ratterree, of Chester; Mr. C. G. Talbird, of Richmond, and Mr. R. T. Draughon, of Bennettsville, were among the well known and popular knights of the grip who were in the city yesterday.

Zeb Vance Division, K. of P.

Last night at a regular meeting of Zeb Vance Division No. 1, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, the following officers were installed:

W. M. Atkinson, Sir Knight Captain.

W. F. Robertson, Sir Knight First Lieutenant.

W. E. Perdew, Sir Knight Second Lieutenant.

I. L. Greenewald, Sir Knight Recorder.

W. H. Howell, Sir Knight Treasurer.

One new member was initiated, and an invitation from the city of Charlotte to attend the 20th of May celebration as the guests of the city was read. No action was taken as to the acceptance of the invitation, as it was thought best to wait until it could be ascertained how many could be induced to go.

After the meeting had closed, the Knights were out for drill practice.

Arrested in Jail.

Yesterday evening Birdie Gore, a colored woman, was arrested under peculiar circumstances and is now in jail charged with larceny. She has for several days past been going to the county jail daily to carry meals to her sweetheart, Joe Beldon, who is in the lock-up in default of payment of costs. Yesterday evening when she went in the jail on her errand of love Deputy Sheriff Sellers was waiting for her and when she started to leave the jail produced the warrant and told her that he guessed she might remain in prison until her case was disposed of. She was an astonished woman and vigorously protested her innocence.

The warrant charges the woman with stealing clothing from Sopha Loud, colored, sometime last November. Both Birdie Gore and her sweetheart are now dependent upon the fare at Hotel de King.

The Lila Adeline.

This is the name with which Mr. B. F. Keith has christened a handsome little naptha launch that he has just bought in Baltimore for his private use. The name is made up of the names of two of his little daughters. The legend "16 to 1," showing Mr. Keith's well known opinions on the coinage question, also appears on the boat.

Yesterday Mr. Keith with several other gentlemen took a trip down the river in the little craft and were much pleased with the speed. She carries a ten horse power engine and can comfortably seat forty or fifty people.

Cheap Advertising.

If you wish to advertise at the lowest rates try the department in the STAR, on fourth page, headed "Business Locals." Situations or help wanted, articles lost or found, rooms or houses wanted or to rent, business opportunities, and many other short miscellaneous advertisements are taken for that department at one cent per word for each insertion. But no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents for each insertion.

INDUSTRIAL AGENTS.

The Seaboard Air Line Visitors Were Pleasantly Entertained Yesterday

BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Visited Ocean View and Enjoyed a Trip on the Steamer Wilmington Up and Down the River—Other Places of Interest Visited.

Yesterday was as much crowded with pleasure for the Seaboard Air Line Industrial agents as the day before was with business. There were just a few matters of business however, that were attended to before the regular meeting was at an end.

Just before the hour for the concluding session to open all the agents gathered in front of the Orton and were photographed by Mr. H. A. Sudill, the official photographer. Then they proceeded to the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Shelby, was elected to serve as chairman at the next meeting of the industrial agents. When this will be held was not decided. Secretaries G. C. Grogan, of Elberton, Ga., and J. K. Hill, of Maxton, N. C., were chosen to serve in the same capacity at the next meeting. Chief Industrial Agent Patrick distributed some printed matter, and the business was at an end.

Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., President of the Chamber of Commerce, then invited the agents to a trip to Ocean View and a ride around the harbor on the steamer *Wilmington*. The cordiality and thoughtfulness with which Mr. Chadbourn, as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce, looked out for the comfort of the visitors were warmly appreciated and will be pleasantly remembered.

Before finally adjourning a resolution was unanimously passed extending thanks to the Seaboard Air Line, Capt. J. W. Harper, of the steamer *Wilmington*, the Chamber of Commerce, the newspapers, the hotels, the management of the street railway, and the citizens generally.

At 10.15 A. M. the agents boarded two electric cars which General Manager A. B. Skelding, of the Wilmington Street Railway Company, had placed at their disposal and were taken to the Wilmington Seacoast depot where they took the Seacoast train for Ocean View, returning at 1 P. M.

Many of the agents left over the Seaboard Air Line at 3.20 o'clock, among the number Capt. Jno. T. Patrick, but there were enough left to make a good sized crowd on the steamer *Wilmington* for a trip up and down the river. The full courtesies of the good ship were extended the visitors by Capt. Harper. The boat went first up the river as far as Hilton bridge and then about an equal distance down the river.

To-day the agents will, until the time of their departure this afternoon at 3.20 o'clock, be engaged in looking around the city. The meeting has been a successful one, so the agents say. It is the first which lady industrial agents have attended and their presence of course added to the pleasure of the occasion.

S. A. L. photographer H. A. Seidell was busy yesterday getting views along the river and at other places of interest, which will be reproduced in *S. A. L. Magundi*.

The hospitality of the Cape Fear Club was extended to a number of the agents, among them Messrs. Grogan, Aiken, Malloy and others.

Torpedoes for Fort Caswell.

The steamer *Wilmington* has during the last week carried down to Fort Caswell eight submarine torpedoes. A few days since she carried five, and yesterday three more were taken down, all having arrived here in one shipment over the Atlantic Coast Line. The anchors with which the torpedoes are to be held in place have also arrived and been placed along with the torpedoes in the government warehouses at Caswell The tug *Cynthia* will be used in planting the torpedoes.

The explosives will be connected with electric batteries on shore, from which at a moment's notice the torpedoes could be touched off with disastrous results.

Death of Mr. H. C. Houck.

The STAR notes with regret the death a few days ago of Mr. J. Whitney Houck, who is well remembered by many in Wilmington as having been here for some months last Spring as Manager of the California Fruit Transportation Company. He died at Norfolk from paralysis of the heart, being confined to his room for only about a day and a half.

His wife who also made many friends while here last year preceded her husband to the grave by several months. One little girl is left to mourn the loss of both of her parents.

Changes Among the Firemen.

Mr. T. M. Trent, of Engine Company No. 1, has been transferred to Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and his place is taken by Mr. H. L. Peterson, of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1. Mr. J. T. Yates takes the place of Mr. J. E. Hinnent, of Engine Company No. 1, Mr. Hinnent having resigned to take a place with the Wilmington Street Railway.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

MATRIMONIAL EVENT.

Marriage Of Mr. John F. Garrell, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Jennie M. Barnes of Peoria, Illinois.

At the home of Mrs. J. W. Barnes, No. 911 Market street, at 8:30 o'clock last night, Mr. John F. Garrell of this city was united in marriage to Mrs. Jennie M. Barnes of Peoria, Ills. Rev. A. P. Tyre, pastor of Grace M. E. church, was the officiating minister.

It was a quiet home wedding, only a few relatives and very intimate friends having been in attendance. The guests assembled in the front parlor of the elegant Barnes home, where the wedding service was prettily and impressively performed.

Carriages were in waiting and, hearty congratulations tendered, the bridal party were driven to the splendid residence of the groom at the corner of Third and Walnut streets where a most delightful reception was in progress until a late hour of the night.

The luxuriously furnished apartments were brilliantly lighted and decorated with rare flowers, and right merrily did the bridal party while away the time, according to the charming bride an auspicious welcome into the Garrell home.

A feature of the evening was a delicious and sumptuous wedding repast, elegantly served.

The bride is an accomplished and highly esteemed lady, widow of the late Willie W. Barnes, one of Wilmington's brightest young business men, who died about two years ago. Since the death of Mr. Barnes she has made her home with her mother-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Barnes, at whose residence the ceremony was performed.

The groom is one of Wilmington's most successful business men, being largely interested in the Parlor Market and is proprietor of the San Souci fertilizer manufactory and the San Souci truck farm, the latter one of the most extensive and successfully operated farms in this section.

The STAR joins with a host of friends in very best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Mr. and Mrs. Garrell.

A UNITED STATES PRISONER.

In New Hanover County Jail—He is Charged With Robbing Newton Grove Postoffice.

Yesterday William Williams was placed in the county jail here to await the May term of the U. S. Circuit and District Court when he will have to answer the charge of breaking into and robbing the postoffice at Newton Grove.

Williams is about 18 years old and was arrested soon after the offence was committed, about three weeks ago and has been confined in both the Kenansville and Clinton jails. Commissioner Carroll, of Magnolia, sent him to this city for safe keeping.

The prisoner was seen yesterday by a STAR representative. He said that he was arrested on complaint of postmaster Jessie Denny of the Newton Grove office who charged him with breaking out window glass, entering the office and stealing $5 from the money drawer. Williams of course protests that he is innocent of the charge.

DEATH OF MR. PLATT D. COWAN.

Funeral to Take Place from the Lodge in Oakdale Cemetery this Morning.

Mr. Platt D. Cowan died yesterday morning at ten o'clock. The news will come as a surprise to many, as the fact that he was seriously ill was not generally known.

He would have been 54 years of age if he had lived until his next birthday, Sept. 1st, and a good part of his life was spent in Wilmington. The deceased was for a long time engaged in the railroad business, having been at one time auditor of the old Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad, and having also held a responsible position with the Richmond and Danville Railroad.

Mr. Cowan's wife, who survives him, was Miss Jennie Cowan, of Richmond, Va. His father was the late Robert H. Cowan. Capt. John Cowan, of this city, and Mr. David Stone Cowan, of Columbus county, are both brothers of the deceased.

Mr. Cowan's death removes a very pleasant gentleman. There was none who knew him but was impressed with his hearty good nature, his wide information, and his courteous manners. His funeral will take place from the lodge at Oakdale cemetery at 10 o'clock this morning.

MAYOR'S COURT CASES.

The Male Prisoners to Work on the City Hall Lawn.

His Honor the Mayor yesterday disposed of three cases and sent all the culprits to jail in default of fines of various denominations. Geo. Richardson, colored, was found guilty of assault and was fined $10 and costs. George Roderick, was fined $5. and costs for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Rosa King, colored, was given the same punishment for a similar offence. Richardson and Roderick will be put to work on the lawn about the city hall building. One of their tasks will be to dig up the walkway leading from the main entrance on Third street to the entrance to the Opera House on Princess street. This walk is made unnecessary because of the fence being built along the Opera House walk.

PLEASANT PROCEEDINGS.

Testimonial Presented to Capt. J. M. McGowan, by His Brother Odd Fellows.

The regular meeting of Wilmington Lodge No. 139, I. O. O. F., last night, was followed by some irregular but very pleasant proceedings.

There was a large member of brethren of other lodges present to witness the formal bestowing on Capt. J. M. McGowan, the worthy Secretary of the Wilmington Lodge; of a handsome present, a splendid Blickenderfer type writer. The instrument was paid for in contributions from Odd Fellows from all of the lodges the, canvassing having been thoroughly done by Mr. B. W. Dunham.

Mr. S. H. Fishblate made the speech of presentation and referred quite appropriately to Mr. McGowan's many good qualities. Capt. McGowan was almost overcome with gratitude for the esteem for himself and the appreciation of his services which the valuable gift showed, and spoke feelingly in accepting it.

After the regular business of the meeting had been transacted delightful refreshments were served.

As Capt. McGowan is one of the leading Odd Fellows, this is a good opportunity to refer to this record. Just after the war he became connected with Manteo Lodge No. 8, in Raleigh. In 1873 he joined Campbell Encampment No. 1, in this city. Orion Lodge No. 67 was organized through his efforts and those of several other devoted Odd Fellows. While Capt. McGowan was Noble Grand of Orion, that lodge was pronounced by Grand Master Edwards to be the banner lodge of the State. In 1875, while Sitting Past Grand, he was elected representative to the Grand Lodge held in Elizabeth City and was one of a team of four who initiated the Eringhaus twins. In 1876, when his fellow Odd Fellows learned that he was going to visit Philadelphia to take part in the parade, they presented him with a beautiful combination gavel of P. G. and P. C. P. and an order on Messrs. Curtis for a $30 regalia.

In the founding of Hanover Lodge Capt. McGowan was also active. He has been instrumental in organizing several lodges outside of the city; one at Rockingham, which is one of the finest in the State; one at Rocky Mount, and another at Wallace.

He represented No. 67 for a number of years also and was the first to represent No. 139. He has held the Grand Marshal's appointment for several terms. In his thirty years and over of Odd Fellowship he has always been ready to respond whenever his assistance was in any way needed by the order.

MR. FLEET CHASED BURGLARS

Residence and Store Building Broken Open on Fourth Street—No Arrests Have Been Made.

On Thursday night there was an attempt to burglarize the store of J. W. Cornwell at the corner of Fourth and Nun streets, but it is not thought that they succeeded in getting away with any booty. The second story of the building is occupied by Mr. J. W. Fleet and family and it was by Mr. Fleet that the thieves were discovered.

They had broken the glass out of a door which gave access to both the store and Mr. Fleet's residence; but must have been frightened away, for when the broken glass was discovered by Mr. Fleet, Mr. Cornwell and others, the perpetrators of the deed were nowhere to be found. However, two caps were discovered close to the door, evidently the property of the thieves.

While the broken door was being nailed up two negroes, both bareheaded, came up and when they saw Mr. Fleet, made off in a rapid run. Mr. Fleet gave chase, but the negroes dodged him and made good their escape. One of them dropped his coat, but there was nothing about it by which the wearer could be identified. Several articles were found hidden under the store, evidently by the thieves. All except a woodsaw had been taken from the store.

Mr. Fleet was attending choir practice at Fifth Street M. E. Church when the store was broken open. There is as yet no clue to the guilty parties.

The Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The Wilmington Association is not represented in the Y. M. C. A. State Convention, which convened in the First Presbyterian Church at Asheville yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

Secretary Diggs was to have delivered two addresses to-day, according to the published programme, but he could not leave his work here to attend the Convention.

There was a session of the Convention last night, from 8 to 10 o'clock, during which permanent organization was effected and some addresses delivered.

To-day there is to be a delegates' prayer service at 7 a. m., devotional services and other exercises from 9.30 A. M. to 1.30 P. M. There will also be sessions this afternoon and to-night. The Convention will be in session until Sunday night.

N. C. Rolling Exposition.

The North Carolina Rolling Exposition is now on exhibition on the spur track near the corner of Mulberry and Nutt streets. Hours 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. Admission, 10 cents. children under 10 years, 5 cents, schools accompanied by teachers in a body, each 5 cents. This rolling palace is loaded with the products of the State.

MARRIAGE IN DUNN.

Miss Lela McNeill the Bride—Mr. M. H. Privett the Groom.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

DUNN, N. C., March 10.

The Baptist Church here was the scene of a beautiful marriage last evening at 9 o'clock, when Mr. M. H. Privett led to Hymen's altar Miss Lela McNeill, one of Dunn's most popular and charming young ladies. The beautiful wedding march was rendered by Miss Laura Pope, while the gateways of evergreen on each aisle were opened for the reception of the bridal party by little Marie Wade and little Paul Hood, both about 5 years of age. The ushers were Mr. McD. Higgs and Mr. G. K. Massengill. Following these were the bridesmaids and groomsmen in order: Miss Hattie Privett, with Mr J. C. Clifford; Miss Mary Setzer with Mr. J. W. Purdie; Miss Mayome Oates with Mr. W. H. Harrison; Miss Annie Harper with Mr. Russell Young; Miss Bertha Gerald with Mr. T. H. McNeill; the maid of honor, Miss Mamie Bizzell, with the bride, were met at the chancel by the groom leaning on the arm of his best man, Mr. R. L. Cromartie, where the beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed by the Rev. Luther R. Carroll, of the Baptist Church,

The tasteful and artistic decorations at the gateways and chancel made by some of our lovely young ladies, together with the brilliant lights, made the marriage scene indeed beautiful.

Refreshments were served and an enjoyable reception was given at the home of Mr. McNeill.

The bride is a daughter of H. C. McNeill, Esq., beautiful and accomplished; the groom is one of our most substantial and enterprising young business men. Their host of friends join the writer in congratulations and best wishes.

A Most Valuable Opportunity.

If your eyes are defective and you require glasses you now have a most valuable opportunity in the presence of Dr. Matthez in Wilmington, at The Orton, to examine your eyes and furnish you the most perfect fitting and suited glasses to your eyes that highest skill and most conscientious work can furnish and charges as reasonable as such work can be had for. It will cost you nothing to visit him, when a preliminary test will be made free of all charges. Dr. Matthez is permanently established in New York city, being away from New York on a flying trip South, his principal view in stopping over in Wilmington to renew acquaintance and establish a following to that city. His stay will be brief. The following is a flattering tribute to Dr. Matthez's skill and ability from a former South Carolinian now and for some years living in New York:

591 W. 145TH ST., NEW YORK.

My Dear Dr. Matthez:

Please pardon my seeming rudeness in not answering your letter ere this. I at once made an engagement with a friend to go to you about her eyes on hearing of your location in New York so did not write you. The friend was called south suddenly; then my son was afflicted with measles, to which I succumbed after long nursing him, and am just commencing to use my eyes again. I am delighted beyond words that you are in New York permanently, for I have simply trembled for years less my glasses should get broken and I could not see you, for if there is a class of men I have least confidence in—which is saying much—it is oculists. My glasses adapted by you ten years ago at Charleston still suit me perfectly. Our whole family owe you a debt of gratitude for giving sight to our beloved father, and I for one will be glad of your location in New York and sending all my friends to you.

Yours respectfully,
LEILA STORM.

To Dr. Louis H. Matthez, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

DIED.

COWAN—On March 10th, 1898, PLATT D. COWAN.

Funeral from Lodge at Oakdale Cemetery at 10 o'clock this morning.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 11th, 1898.

MR. ROB. J. SELLERS.

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We have quite a nice lot of Tube-rose Bulbs on hand at

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1898

YIELDING TO THE INEVITABLE.

Yesterday we published an article suggested by an editorial in the Philadelphia *Record*, on competition in cotton growing, with some remarks on what the ultimate effect of this will be. There is as much competition of sections in the growth of crops as there is between the different sections in their manufacturing industries, and with all it is the "survival of the fittest." Before the building of the railroads connecting the East with the West, the Eastern States raised nearly all their own food supplies to feed not only the rural population, but the population of the cities. When connection was made with the grain fields, pastures and slaughter pens of the West, cheap transportation enabled the Western food producers to supply the Eastern markets cheaper than the producers of that section could do it, and as a consequence agriculture languished and died as an industry, compared with what it had been, and the East became as a matter of necessity a manufacturing section and won wealth out of threatened ruin. The textile, shoe and other industries multiplied and flourished, until there were hundreds of millions of dollars invested in them and they have brought hundreds of millions of dollars into that section that the farms never would have brought in, because those farms were as a general thing poor and it took industry and labor to get much from them.

There were iron deposits in some of those States, and the manufacture of iron became an important industry. At one time Massachusetts led all the other States in that industry. But in the course of years as railroad construction went on the iron and coal deposits of Pennsylvania drew the attention of the iron makers and the discovery of a method to utilize anthracite coal in smelting furnaces made that State the great iron-manufacturing State.

The New England furnaces could not compete with the more abundant and cheaper ores of the Pennsylvania mines and that industry passed away from New England to Pennsylvania, and the New England iron men were compelled to confine themselves to the manufacture of the higher priced forms of iron and steel, where the skilled labor employed was more of a factor than the raw material used. Since then the great and inexhaustible iron ranges on Lake Superior have been opened up and have come into competition with the iron mines of Pennsylvania. With the low cost of mining the ore, and the cheap transportation on the lakes Michigan ore or pig iron can be put down at central points in Pennsylvania for less money than it can be dug out and delivered from the Pennsylvania mines, and now we see going on in some of the Pennsylvania iron districts a repetition of what Massachusetts experienced when the cheap iron of Pennsylvania wrested the iron-making business from her. The iron mills are closing up and silk mills are taking their place, an industry as different from the manufacture of iron as one industry can be from another. And who would venture to say that this may not prove a boon to those districts, and the wealth producer that other enforced industries proved to be for Massachusetts?

Twenty-five years ago the great sheep flocks of the country were East of the Mississippi; now they are West of it, where the broad ranges and cheap pasturage make it possible to raise sheep at a cost nominal compared with the cost on the higher priced lands and smaller ranges of the well settled States. The owners of the flocks simply obeyed the law of imperative necessity and surrendered to the men who competed against them from the boundless prairie pastures of the Southwest.

These are illustrations showing how the industries change location in obedience to the irresistible. Like causes produce like effects, and the same causes which forced a change of base in industries in the past, will continue to force the change of base unless something intervene to negative these causes. There are already indications that they are weakening the cotton manufacturing industry in the North and the iron-making industry in Pennsylvania, where the partially protecting cause is the large capital which both of these industries have to bank upon. The tendency of both is Southward and Southward they must eventually come. Other and perhaps equally profitable industries may take their place, but these must change their base and get where they will not be confronted by a ruinous competition. We do not mean by this that these industries will totally disappear from those sections, for that would be expecting too much. They will continue indefinitely to manufacture the high grade, high priced articles that skilled labor gives value to, and in which they have less to fear from competition, but the bulk of the cotton manufacturing and of iron and steel manufacturing will pass to the South attracted hither by the cotton fields, iron mines and the cheaper crude materials. The capital invested in them will decrease with the years, and as it decreases the capital in the South will increase until the preponderance of capital invested in these leading industries will be in the South as it is in the East now. This will take time; all such industrial movement goes slowly and feels its way, but it will be making progress all the same. There are few close observers of the trend of this movement who doubt that its ultimate stopping place will be in the richly endowed South.

MINOR MENTION.

There are instances without number where ex-soldiers are drawing pensions to which, under a rational interpretation of the law, they have not the slightest claim. These are not all poor men either, for some of them are in easy circumstances with good incomes, and some so wealthy that it is surprising that they would accept a pension, even if they were fairly entitled to it under the law. During Mr. Cleveland's administration considerable discussion was caused by withholding the pension of Judge Strong, one of the Judges on the Supreme Court bench of Michigan, whose office paid him $7,000 a year. He was pensioned under the dependent act as one unable to earn his support, and succeeded in having his pension increased until it amounted to $72 a month. Recently the New York *Times* has discovered a case even more striking than that, the pensioner being Gen. Chas. H. Grosvenor, member of Congress from Ohio, who served in the army from 1861 to 1865, when he was shaken up in a railroad accident, and fifteen years afterwards discovered that he had a stiff arm, on which account he applied for a pension which was granted a pension of $22.50 a month which with arrearages amounted to $3,975. The discussion of pension frauds in 1884 brought this to light, and the expression of public sentiment was so emphatic that General Grosvenor returned the $3,975 to the Treasury. But he continued to draw his $22,50 a month until June, 1892, when he had it increased to $30 a month, which he has since continued to draw, the total received amounting to $5,923. This was all on account of a stiff arm discovered fifteen years after the accident which is alleged to have caused the stiffness, but in the meantime the General has continued to practice law, to run for Congress, to hustle around generally, to take his part (and a very active one) in the scrimmages on the hustings and the floor of the House of Representatives, in addition to which he has succeeded in insuring his life in two two companies for $10,000 in each, which is doing pretty well for a "disabled" man. And there are more of them.

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Several years ago under the auspices of the Farmers' Alliance, before it went into politics, warehouses were established at some points in the cotton States, to which the planter could haul his cotton and store it if the market price was too low. He paid a small charge for storage, insurance, &c., and could borrow money if he desired up to a certain amount approximating the value of the cotton stored. It was the intention to extend this system throughout the cotton-growing States, negotiations being in progress with wealthy syndicates to establish the warehouses and furnish the funds to do the lending, but the Alliance got mixed up in politics, got tangled up with itself, and the scheme, (which was a good one if carried out according to the design), fell through. There is now talk of reviving a similar scheme as a business enterprise by moneyed men and it is said that arrangements have been made for the establishment of one of these warehouses at Charlotte, where cotton may be stored, at a charge of fifteen cents per bale per month for storage and money borrowed within one cent a pound of the market price of the cotton. This will enable the planter who does not wish to sell his cotton at ruling prices to hold it indefinitely till the price does suit him, and it will be a benefit to the people also as it will be the means of putting a good deal of money into circulation that would not go into circulation if the planters held their cotton at home waiting for higher prices. If these warehouses were generally established throughout the cotton States, the planter would be in a position to have some power in making the price of cotton, and would not be the victim of the speculator as he has been. If with a system like this he would adopt the course of raising his own supplies, he might soon begin to feel independent and saucy.

TWINKLINGS.

— By Jove, old man, you sat your horse like a Centaur." "Thanks. Glad to hear it. I was afraid I didn't ride very well." "Oh, you didn't. You were right up on the animal's neck all the time."—*Cleveland Leader.*

— It Wasn't on the Map: Willie—"Pa, what State is Effigy in?" Pa—"Effigy! Why, I don't believe I ever heard of such a town." Willie—"Well, I was just reading about a man who was hanged in effigy, and I can't find it in my geography."

— His Wife (hearing him indistinctly)—Henry, please hold your mouth a little further away from the 'phone.

He (with considerate indignation)—Do you think I've been drinking, Amelia?—*Chicago Tribune.*

— "Look; isn't that a magnificent turkey?" asked the humorist of his friend, the proof reader, as they were passing through the market. "Yes," replied the proof reader, "and don't you know I always envy a turkey" "Why do you?" asked the funny man. "Because," was the reply, "they are never stuffed with chestnuts until after death."

— Hard to Understand: "The language of you Americans is very difficult for me to understand," remarked the visiting Englishman. "In what way?" asked his American friend. "Well, Mr. Tenspot said that golf made him tired, and I replied that I did not know that he played golf, and he admitted that he did not. Now, how could golf weary a man who does not play the game?"—*Puck*

— Wasted Opportunity—"I don't say as how ye ain't sincere in gettin' up an' clamorin' fur war," said Farmer Corntossel. "I may be nat'rally of a unduly suspicious nature." "I hev allus been fur war on the slightest provication," replied the excitable neighbor. "So ye hev. But I mus' say it kind o' makes me doubtful to find ye wastin' all this time talkin' fightin' when ye might be practicin' at a target."—*Washington Star.*

— Information Wanted: "And now," said the lecturer, at the close of a discourse on theosophy, "in accordance with my usual custom, I shall extend to any person present who cares to do so the opportunity to ask whatever question may be in his mind. I wish to leave no point obscured if it is in my power to make it clear." "There's one thing I've always wanted to know," said an earnest-looking man in the audience, rising as he spoke. "Why is it that you always find a picture of a goat on a bock-beer sign?" —*Chicago Tribune.*

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Consul General Lee's principal offence in the eyes of Spain is that of being too much of an American.—*Philadelphia Press, Rep.*

—— Ex-President Cleveland suggests to the gold men not to lay the the flattering unction to their souls that the silver craze is dead. Grover did all he could to kill it, but he knows a corpse when he sees it—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— That Spaniard who says "war will not cease in Cuba until Spain sends an army to the United States," might have further said that war would very suddenly cease, once Spain attempted to land an army on our shores. Whenever Spain lifts a hostile finger and points it at the United States by that token she throws away all hope she ever had of conquering and holding Cuba.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

—— The appointment of the disreputable negro Demas as Naval Officer at the port of New Orleans was a most astonishing performance. The President, following his rule of deferring to Senatorial suggestion, put an affront upon the people of Louisiana in order to please Senator Hanna. Mr. Hanna was Demas' sponsor, and he doubtles paid some pre-election debt by securing his appointment. But Demas was too repulsive a dose for the Senate to swallow. At last a depth has been reached beyond which in the exercise of Senatorial courtesy the President cannot expect to be indulged in making unsuitable appointments to please unscrupulous friends.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

America's greatest medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cures when all other preparations fail to do any good whatever. †

Valorous.

An old time lord mayor of London, whose sporting experience was limited, rode forth one day to join the city hunt in the fields about Marylebone. Placed by his escort under a tree, his lordship heard the hounds give tongue in the distance, and the sounds grew louder and louder, till one of the city scouts shouted out, "The hare comes this way, my lord." The lord mayor rose to the occasion, and, drawing his sword, he exclaimed heroically: "Let him come! I thank my God I fear him not!"—Household Words.

The Busiest Consul.

The busiest consul in the world is the British consul at New York. The British shipping at New York aggregates about 4,000,000 tons annually, and from 25,000 to 30,000 seamen are paid off and shipped each year, involving the handling of about £60,000 for seamen's wages.

Dr. Scheele, a chemical expert, says that 90 per cent of the beer brewed in America will not come up to the test prescribed by the German government, which is not a severe one, only insisting that pure beer shall be brewed and fixing severe penalties for the production of any other kind.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Chatham *Record:* The prospect is now good for an abundant fruit crop, because the continuous cold weather has kept back the fruit trees from blooming. Although it is now nearly the middle of March not a peach tree is yet in bloom.

— Lumberton *Robesonian:* Last Wednesday night A. S. Thompson's cotton house on his plantation in Back Swamp, containing eight bales of cotton and sheds built around it, with a buggy and a wagon, were destroyed by fire. The house must have been set on fire, as there was no other probable way for it to have caught.

— Goldsboro *Headlight:* The death of Miss Sallie Garris occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Johnson, in Stony Creek township Tuesday night, aged 65 years.

From the way farmers are talking now there will be an immense crop of tobacco planted this season, but the cotton crop will be curtailed.

Reports from strawberry planters are very encouraging, and with continued favorable weather the harvest promises to be enormous.

— Greenville *Reflector:* A little more than a year ago Alonzo Walters, colored, killed Henderson West, colored, at Grifton, in this county. Walters fled and until recently was a fugitive from justice. A few months ago Sheriff W. H. Harrington learned that Walters went to Florida, and getting his whereabouts nearly accurately located Sheriff Harrington left here about the middle of February to capture him. He went direct to St. Augustine, from which point a deputy was sent out fifty miles to get Walters. He was captured and held in St. Augustine until a requisition from Gov. Russell on the Governor of Florida could be procured. Sheriff Harrington reached home Monday evening with his prisoner and placed him in jail to await the next criminal court for trial.

— Clinton *Democrat:* Miss Julia King died at her home near Poplar Grove on Monday morning, after a lingering illness of four months of typhoid fever. She was a daughter of the late Nathan King and was about 18 years of age. —Mr. Raymond Corbett, of Alpine, has had an artesian well bored in his yard. There is a constant flow of water from it, averaging two gallons a minute. The water is said to be very fine and the cost of boring the well was not great. —The *Democrat* learns that the people in the Harrell's Store neighborhood are engaging more largely than ever in the trucking business this season. They have greatly increased their strawberry acreage. There is considerable complaint of damage done by rabbits to young berry plants. The rabbits are said to be as destructive as a flock of goats.

THE RELIGION OF ISLAM.

Death the Only Rightful Portion of the Unbeliever In the Faith.

The capitulations of the Ottoman empire are a series of grants of privilege and immunity accorded by various sultans to those Christian nations with which they have desired to maintain commercial or political intercourse. The name is derived from the sections, or capitula, into which they are divided. They were not originally treaties, for no Moslem could, under the sacred law—the shariye sharif—treat with Christian powers as equals. "Mohammedan jurisprudence," says Van Dyck, "recognizes between Mohammedan and non-Mohammedan nations but one category of relations—that of djehad, or holy war." By the sacred law all giaours (Christian dogs) are under the ban, yet, although devoted to destruction, they may be spared for a season whenever this is for the advantage of Islam. Now the Mohammedan conquerors were a people neither commercial nor seafaring by instinct. It accordingly became necessary in the middle ages to encourage commerce with the west by concessions to the traders of Christendom, and it was this necessity which produced the capitulations. These were called ahdnamah, or tamassuk—that is, letters of privilege, sworn promises, as from a superior to an inferior. They were concessions made from a purely selfish motive—that of supplying the new empire with the commercial advantages and industries which the warlike conquerors were themselves incapable of maintaining, and there was neither the effort nor the desire to secure reciprocal privileges for Turks in foreign lands. A Turkish colony under a Christian ruler did not enter the conqueror's mind as even a remote possibility.

With the gradual decay of the Ottoman power and the advance of the Christian nations, the sublime porte has been compelled to confirm and perpetuate these one sided grants by formal treaties in spite of the sacred law. In these treaties it is the Christian powers who refuse to enter into relations of reciprocal equality with Turkey. They refuse because of the unchangeable character of Islam. No jot or tittle of the sacred law has been or ever can be abrogated. No such thing exists under Islam as international law or the inherent rights of humanity. Death is still the only rightful portion of the unbeliever in the faith. There is, outside of the capitulations or of compulsion by external power, no right of legation, no immunity of embassadors, no right to the protection of life and property, to trial by one's peers, to immunity from arrest without due process of law, to testify in court, to be represented by an advocate, to travel, to carry on business, even to live, for any one not a Moslem. This is no mere theory. It is a fact which has received of late awful proofs in Armenia. The law of nations is absolutely incompatible with Mohammedan principles.—Professor A. D. F. Hamlin in Forum.

Turks and Meerschaum.

According to the best authorities upon the subject, the idea of using white talc in the manufacture of pipes is of comparatively recent date, compared with the age of the habit of smoking, and what is still more curious is the fact that in the oriental countries which produce white talc, or meerschaum, as it is called, and where the use of tobacco forms part of the education of the faithful, the people never dream of making this substance into pipes. They make bowls and goblets of it, but no pipes. It may be that the long pipestems which allow the smoke to cool and lose its acridity before reaching the mouth leave the oriental smoker quite indifferent in regard to the quality of the bowl. At all events, one never sees a Turk with a meerschaum pipe.—Courrier des Etats Unis

STAG HUNTING IN ENGLAND.

James I Introduced French Customs of the Chase.

In The Century W. A. Baillie-Grohman has an article on "Sports In the Seventeenth Century." He says:

With the beginning of the seventeenth century stag hunting in the French fashion suddenly became popular at the court of James I. Physically unfit as that monarch was for feats of endurance or for hard riding, this sport appealed to the love of pomp and to the vanity of a sovereign who was fully persuaded of a king's divine rights, among which was not least the royal prerogative of hunting where he liked in the forests of his subjects. James constituted himself a patron of venery, and one of his first acts after his accession to the throne was to beg his ally, Henry IV of France, to send him the most skillful of his huntsmen in order that "he might henceforth hunt in the forests of his realm rather than in inclosures and parks, such as was hitherto the fashion, where one hunted the stag only as long as he was in sight."

The Marquis de Vitry, one of the French king's most renowned veneurs, was immediately dispatched to England, and soon afterward De Beaumont and De Moustier, two of Henry's officers of the hunt, with several valets de chiens, or kennel men, and presently also the Sieur de St. Ravy, followed the marquis across the channel. St. Ravy became permanently attached to the English court in the character of grand veneur, or master of the hunt, to James' Danish queen. Other sportsmen of renown followed suit. Thus Ligniville, the author of a well known work on venery, was sent from Lorraine to the English court to co-operate with the others in the introduction of the French chasse a courre on English soil, and there is no doubt that in consequence of the pronounced favor shown by James for French hunting institutions a considerable number of French nobles came over to England to sun themselves in the favor of the vain monarch. To such extremes did James drive his predilection that he imported red deer from France, and we are told that St. Ravy annually visited France for this purpose, collecting on a single occasion as many as 40 and 50 in the forests of Fontainebleau. These stags, according to Maricourt, only the king hunted.

The sport does not seem to have long retained its French features in their entirety, for Ligniville already complains that the English were introducing the custom of killing the stag with an arquebus when the hounds had at last succeeded in bringing him to bay, while the French continued much longer to consider it a point of honor to dispatch the stag with the hanger, a proceeding to which, of course, considerable danger to the unskillful or careless was attached.

MONEY TO BURN.

They Burned It and Later Wished They Had Kept the Fuel.

"When Burnside made his mud march on to Fredericksburg, we men in the advance had some gay times," remarked a veteran of the civil war. "It was a long while before the Johnnies would let us cross the river, but when we did get across we made the fellows who had been shooting at us for the past three hours get right up and dust for safer quarters. The infantry soon followed us and took up their position along the river toward Falmouth, while we skirmished through the town. When we came to the Planters' hotel, we just walked in and took possession. Everybody had deserted the place and we did just as we pleased. In going through one of the rooms I came across three bundles of Confederate notes. Each bundle was labeled to contain $5,000, and as I held them aloft I shouted to the rest of the men that we now had money to burn. They laughed, and I thrust the notes in my pocket. The Johnnies had taken or destroyed everything to eat, and, as for liquor, there wasn't any in the town.

"After satisfying ourselves that there was nothing further to be had in the Planters' hotel we sallied forth and walked up toward the home of the mother of our country—George Washington's mother. We had had no breakfast yet, and now it was close on to noon. One of my companions had some coffee in his haversack, so I thought we might have a little coffee if nothing else. Well, we got the coffee out and then discovered that we had no firewood. There was some tall swearing just at that time, for the Johnnies hadn't left so much as a match behind them.

"'I've got it!' I cried, and I hauled out the three bundles of notes I had found in the Planters' hotel. My expression was greeted with a shout by my companions and—we had money to burn. We soon had the fire going and the coffee cooked. Need I say to any soldier that we enjoyed our coffee at a price which seems rather high—$15,000? We were soon through and marched back into the town only to see our men trying to buy some tobacco without money. How strange it seemed! They had not a cent, while we had money to burn and burned it.

"Four years after I regretted having had this money and burned it. While in Washington in the winter of 1865 I had the mortification of seeing an advertisement for this identical package of notes and offering 50 per cent on their face value for their return. They were Virginia state bank notes; hence their value. Whenever I hear that a man has money to burn I think of my $15,000 and shed a tear of regret that I burned it."—New York Telegram.

A Failure.

A.—Well, and how did you sleep last night? Did you follow my advice and begin counting?

B.—Yes. I counted up to 18,000.

A.—And then you fell asleep?

B.—No; then it was time to get up.—Pearson's Weekly

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store, only 50 cents per bottle. †

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Globe Lightning.

On July 1, 1891, a fireball entered a carpenter's cabin near Schlieben. The carpenter was sitting on the edge of a bed on which a child was sleeping. A ball of fire sprang suddenly and with a loud noise from the fireplace to the bed, which was immediately shattered. Then the ball rolled very slowly to the opposite wall of the room, through which, or the floor, it apparently vanished with another fearful crash without setting fire to anything. The man's wife and another child were sleeping in a second bed and the baby in a cradle, all in the same room, but none of the five persons was wounded or even stunned. All complained of headache and deafness on account of the heavy sulphurous vapor which filled the room, but they soon recovered. Some fractures were discovered about the stove and chimney.

Less fortunate were the children in a schoolhouse in Bouin, France, who were visited by a fireball while at their afternoon prayers. It was preceded by a shower of lime, wood and stones. The ball, which was small, rolled along under the benches, killing three of the children, and went out through a window pane, in which it merely made a round hole, whereas all the other panes were shattered.—M. Hugenau in Popular Sci

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded. †

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☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ₩ lb	12	@	14
Sides ₩ lb	6	@	7¼
Shoulders ₩ lb	6	@	7¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ₩ lb	5½	@	6
Shoulders ₩ lb		@	5¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ₩ lb		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ₩ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₩ lb	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	45	@	48
Virginia Meal	46	@	48
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—₩ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—₩ lb—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—₩ lb—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard		@	1¾
Yarns, ₩ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—₩ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ₩ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ₩ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ₩ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ₩ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	2 80	@	3 50
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ₩ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5	@	10
Extra	4 35	@	5 50
FLOUR—₩ bbl—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—₩ lb	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	48
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	60
HIDES—₩ lb—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY, ₩ 100 lbs—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb	1½	@	12
LARD, ₩ lb—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ₩ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ₩ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	19	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ₩ lb	10	@	12
SALT, ₩ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ₩ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ₩ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Gran'd		@	5½
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	6 50	@	8 50
Inferior to Ordinary	4 00	@	5 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed		@	3 00
₩ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ₩ lb		@	6
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL, ₩ lb—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at 35 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 34½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.25 per bbl for Strained and $1.30 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $1.50 per barrel for Hard, $2.00 for Dip.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine quiet and steady, 27, 26½c; rosin firm, $1.45, 1.50; tar firm, $1.00; crude turpentine nominal, no receipts.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	25
Rosin	306
Tar	320
Crude turpentine	15

Receipts same day last year—138 casks spirits turpentine, 308 bbls rosin, 563 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅞c per pound for middling. Quotations: Ordinary 3 7-16 cts. ₩ lb; Good Ordinary 4¾ " "; Low Middling 5 7-16 " "; Middling 5⅞ " "; Good Middliug 6⅛ " "

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—233 bales; same day last year, 102.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40 to 50c per bushel of 28 pouuds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00 to 1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five-inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-six, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch; $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Money on call was easy at 1@2½ per cent., with the last loan at 1 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills 483¾ for demand and 480¾@481 for sixty days. Posted rates 482@483 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480@480½. Silver certificates 54¼@55. Bar silver 54¾. Mexican dollars 44¾. Government bonds were quoted strong; U. S. new 4's, registered 123½; do. coupon, 123½; U. S. 4's 110½; do. coupon, 112; U. S. 2's, 98½; U. S. 5's, registered, 111½; do. 5's, coupon, 111½. State bonds dull; N. C. 6's 125; do. 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Rosin was steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, March 10.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35½c; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, March 10.—Spirits turpentine dull at 35c; sales of 12 casks at 35c and 40 casks at 34½c; receipts 187 casks. Rosin was firm; sales of 710 barrels; receipts 1,022 barrels: A, B, C, D $1 25, E $1 25@1 30, F $1 35@1 40, G $1 40@1 50, H $1 65, I $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 75, N $1 80, window glass $1 90, water white $2 10.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Throughout, the session of the Cotton Exchange was an exceedingly small affair, both as regards the scope of fluctuations and the volume of transactions. Sentiment early in the day was rather bullishly inclined in view of the continued activity in spot cotton circles in the South. The market opened dull but steady with prices unchanged to one point higher, sagged off a couple of points under the sheer lack of support, developed pronounced weakness at the close under local liquidation following rumors that the Court of Inquiry into the Maine disaster had reported unfavorably to the President. The market closed easy at a net decline of two to four points.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Cotton was easy; middling 6¼c.

Cotton futures closed easy; sales 81,400 bales; March 6.02c, April 6.04c, May 6.07c, June 6.07c, July 6.10c, August 6.12c, September 6.10c, October 6.09c, November 6.07c, December 6.09c, January 6.12c.

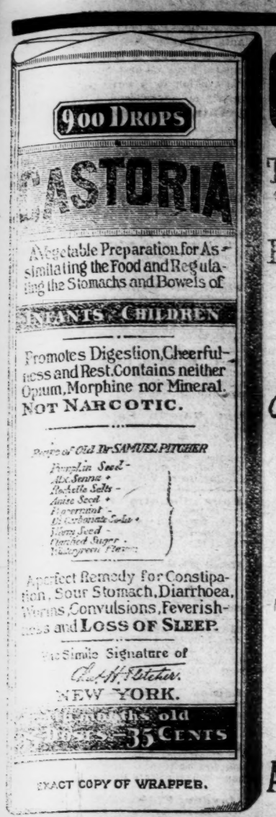
Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 6¼c; middling gulf 6½c: sales 20 bales.

Net receipts 165 bales; gross receipts 4,512 bales; exports to the Continent 100 bales; forwarded 2,111 bales; sales — bales; sales to spinners 20 bales; stock 188,067 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 23,417 bales; exports to Great Britain 29,710 bales; exports to France 8,550 bales; exports to the Continent 9,974 bales; stock 1,081,347 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 123,373 bales; exports to Great Britain 61,861 bales; exports to France 14,902 bales; exports to the Continent 79,681 bales.

Total since September 1st—



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Commissioner's Sale.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY. } Superior Court.

James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased, vs. Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 159 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2. A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 252.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 282.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 290 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 365 feet to a point in the northern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 328.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 60 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 60 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 325.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

WILKES MORRIS, Commissioner.

February 8th, 1898. feb 9 1m

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What wondrous days indeed are these
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On any pathway that you please,
That you may turn aright!
Yet life is filled with terrors new.
The hours grow dull and long.
For everything you care to do,
The doctor says, is wrong.

Who tries to warble is forbid
Lest germs attack his throat.
The dancer's prowess must be hid,
Though he may screech a note.
Who dines in carelessness complete
Is tempted by the throng,
But he who likes to may not eat.
The doctor says it's wrong.

You shun the water, sparkling fair
Lest foes lurk there disguised.
You mustn't breathe unless the air
Has been well analyzed.
Thoughtless you turn, as is your wont,
With an affection strong,
To kiss your baby. But you don't.
The doctor says it's wrong.

—Washington Star.

REVIVED MEMORY.

When We Grow Old, We Recall the Things of Long Ago.

About 75 years ago, upon a rainy day, a small boy who had reached the mature age of 6 was sitting with his mamma and bemoaning the state of the weather and accompanying absence of novel entertainment. Mamma wore on her finger a beautiful ring that was a family heirloom, and as she sewed patiently the jewel glittered on her little white hand. The small boy regarded the bright bauble for some time in silence and then sweetly requested mamma to take it off and let him play with it. It was a weak thing to do, perhaps, but she complied. I dare say there are mothers at the present day who can sympathize with her, for human nature is the same, though fashions change, and when the "dear child" looked up in her face pleadingly he looked with papa's eyes, and papa was dead. So he got the ring and lost it, as might have been expected. He always insisted that he had "put it away to keep," but he could never remember where.

The years went on. The gentle young mother went out into the great unknown to find the light of her life that shone in "papa's eyes," and the century and the boy having been young together grew old in company too. Finally age began to tell on them. The century got troubled with a complaint designated "fin de siecle," and the boy lost his memory for the things of today, but became abnormally reminiscent in regard to the past. His thoughts often turned back to the young mother long dead, and in the decline of life he had as clear a mental picture of her as his boyish eyes had ever seen. One evening, having pushed his spectacles on top of his head and hunted everywhere for them vainly, he sat musing before the fire, when suddenly a flood of light illuminated that dark corner of his memory where hung the picture of that small edition of himself losing or "putting away" the ring. He sprang to his feet with an excited cry: "The ring! The ring! I slipped it down the crack in the window casing—the one that looks out on the orchard!"

Upon investigation the ring was brought from its long hiding place, which was the exact spot the old man had described.—Buffalo Express.

Forgot to Wear Trousers.

A certain noble lord, who shall be nameless, during his journey north on a political mission changed his costume for a full highland "rig out," intending it as a delicate compliment to the land of the kilt, but when he looked at himself in the glass he found that the tailor had cut his kilt too short, so he made pp his mind to put on evening dress.

He changed his upper garments and then sat down for a few moments to study his speech. This set him to sleep. He awoke with a start, only to find himself running into the station. Forgetting what happened, he thrust on his hat and apppeared at the window bowing, and this was how he was dressed:

He had a full highland costume as far as his waist. Above were a white shirt and swallow tailed coat, and the entire edifice was crowned with a chimney pot hat, upon which he sat down without noticing it. His lordship's horror when he stepped upon the platform and felt the keen wind cutting his bare legs changed to absolute agony when his valet appeared, scrambling out of the carriage with a pair of trousers in his hands, waving them wildly and exclaiming, "My lord, my lord, you've forgotten these."—London Telegraph.

St. Paul, which was founded by French Canadians in 1842, is still under their sway to a large extent. That the city is in great measure Canadian may be inferred from the fact that it has avenues named Winnipeg, Montreal, Manitoba and Toronto in one of the suburbs inside the city limits.

The annual crop of mushrooms in France is valued at over $2,000,000. The wholesale price to dealers is from $22 to $25 per 100 kilograms (220.46 pounds). In Paris alone there are 60 wholesale firms dealing exclusively in mushrooms.

QUEEN ELIZABETH.

Christmas Revels Before Her Majesty In Greenwich House.

In St. Nicholas there is an account of Christmas revels before Queen Elizabeth, the description occurring in John Bennett's serial, "Master Skylark." The following is the passage:

The palace corridors were lined with guards. Gentlemen pensioners under arms went flashing to and fro. Now and then through the inner throng some handsome page with wind blown hair and rainbow colored cloak pushed to the great door, calling: "Way, sirs—way for my lord! Way for my lady of Alderstone!" and, one by one, or in blithe groups, the courtiers, clad in silks and satins, velvets, jewels and lace of gold, came up through the lofty folding doors to their place in the hall.

There, where the usher of the black rod stood, and the gentlemen of the chamber came and went with golden chains about their necks, were bowing and scraping without stint and reverent civility, for men that were wise and noble were passing by, men that were handsome and brave, and ladies sweet as a summer day and as fair to see as spring laughed by their sides and chatted behind their fans or daintily nibbled comfits, lacking anything to say.

The windows were all curtained in, making a nighttime in midday, and from the walls and galleries flaring links and great bouquets of candles threw an eddying flood of yellow light across the stirring scene. From clump to clump of banner staves and burnished arms, spiked above the waistcoat, garlands of red berried holly, spruce and mistletoe were twined across the tapestry, till all the room was bound about with a chain of living green.

There were sweet odors floating through the air and hazy threads of fragrant smoke from perfumes burning in rich braziers, and under foot was the crisp, clean rustle of new rushes.

Master Gyles went to and fro, twisting the manuscript of the revel in his hands or pausing kindly to pat some faltering lad upon the back. Nick and Colley were peeping by turns through a hole in the screen at the throng in the audience chamber.

They could see a confusion of fans, jewels and faces and now and again could hear a burst of subdued laughter over the steadily increasing buzz of voices. Then from the gallery above all at once there came a murmur of instruments tuning together. A voice in the corridor was heard calling: "Way here! Way here!" in masterful tones. The tall folding doors at the side of the hall swung wide, and eight dapper pages in white and gold came in with the master of revels. After them came 50 ladies and noblemen clad in white and gold and a guard of gentlemen pensioners with glittering halberds.

There was a sharp rustle. Every head in the audience chamber louted low. Nick's heart gave a great jump, for the queen was there!

She came with an air that was at once serious and royal, bearing herself haughtily, yet with a certain grace and sprightliness that became her very well. She was quite tall and well made, and her quickly changing face was long and fair, though wrinkled and no longer young. Her complexion was clear and of an olive hue, her nose was a little hooked, her firm lips were thin, and her small black eyes, though keen and bright, were pleasant and merry withal. Her hair was a coppery, tawny red and false, moreover. In her ears hung two great pearls, and there was a fine small crown studded with diamonds upon her head, besides a necklace of exceeding fine gold and jewels about her neck. She was attired in a white silk gown bordered with pearls the size of beans, and over it wore a mantle of black silk, cunningly shot with silver threads. Her ruff was vast, her farthingale vaster, and her train, which was very long, was borne by a marchioness who made more ado about it than Elizabeth did of ruling her realm.

Our Temperature.

The ordinary temperature of an adult when a thermometer is placed in the armpit is 98.4 degrees, in the mouth 99.5 degrees. The blood is about 100 degrees. Blood heat is marked on the thermometer at 99 degrees F. In fevers this is much exceeded, and the heat of the patient may rise to 105 degrees or 106 degrees. A higher temperature than this will generally prove fatal unless it descends very quickly. The highest temperatures recorded have been in some cases of rheumatic fever, when that of the body rose to 109 degrees and even to 111 degrees.

The Thirst For Office.

Women have had municipal suffrage in Kansas for the last ten years. During that time, in the 393 little "cities" of Kansas, about 1,500 men and only 15 women have served as mayors. This does not look as if women were unduly eager for office.—Christian Register.

The fact that the greater resistance is offered to the X rays by inanimate than by living flesh is now put to practical use in determining whether a person is really dead or not.

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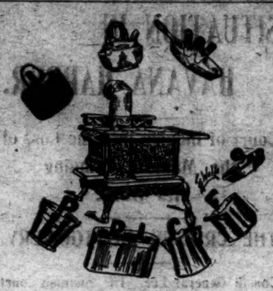

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At the close of Business Feb. 18th, 1898, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$572,903 10	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	21 86	Surplus	50,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	40,000 00	Undivided profits	15,912 71
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	35,000 00
Due from other Banks	$109,167 71	Total Deposits	662,455 16
Cash on hand	67,274 55—276,442 31		
Total	$899,367 27	Total	$899,367 27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Feb. 18, '96.	Feb. 18, '97.	Feb. 17, 98.
Total Deposits	$607,000	$650,000	$662,000
Surplus and Net Profits	54,800	64,500	72,900
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

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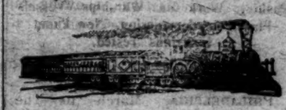

Schedule In Effect February 17, 1898

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.35 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 a. m., Warsaw 11.15 a. m., Goldsboro 12.05 a. m., Wilson 12.55 p. m., Rocky Mount 1.40 p. m., Tarboro 2.31 p. m., Weldon 4.33 p. m., Petersburg 6.29 p. m., Richmond 7.15 p. m., Norfolk 6.05 p. m., Washington 11.30 p. m., Baltimore 1.06 a. m., Philadelphia 3.50 a. m., New York 6.58 a. m., †Boston 3.00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p. m., Warsaw 9.10 p. m., Goldsboro 10.10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6.35 a. m., Rocky Mount 11.37 p. m., Weldon 1.43 a. m., †Norfolk 10.30 a. m., Petersburg 3.14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7.41 a. m., Baltimore 9.08 a. m., Philadelphia 11.25 a. m., New York 2.03 p. m., Boston 9.00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 p. m., Newbern 5.40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p. m., Chadbourn 5.41 p. m., Marion 6.43 p. m., Florence 7.25 p. m., Sumter 9.10 p. m., Columbia 10.30 p. m., Denmark 6.12 a. m., Augusta 7.55 a. m., Macon 11.15 a. m., Atlanta 12.25 p. m., Charleston 10.50 p. m., Savannah 1.50 a. m., Jacksonville 7.30 a. m., St. Augustine 10.00 a. m., Tampa 5.25 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p. m., †New York 9.00 p. m., Philadelphia 12.05 a. m., Baltimore 2.50 a. m., Washington 4.30 a. m., Richmond 9.05 a. m., Petersburg 10.03 a. m., Norfolk 8.40 a. m., Weldon 11.52 a. m., Tarboro 12.12 p. m., Rocky Mount 12.47 p. m., Wilson 2.37 p. m., Goldsboro 3.20 p. m., Warsaw 4.11 p. m., Magnolia 4.34 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave †Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a. m., Philadelphia 12.09 p. m., Baltimore 2.25 p. m., Washington 3.48 p. m., Richmond 7.30 p. m., Petersburg 8.12 p. m., †Norfolk 2.20 p. m., Weldon 9.43 p. m., †Tarboro 6.01 p. m., Rocky Mount 5.40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6.22 a. m., Goldsboro 7.01 a. m., Warsaw 7.58 a. m., Magnolia 8.05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 a. m., Jacksonville 10.26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 a. m., Sanford 3.26 p. m., Jacksonville 7.40 p. m., Savannah 1.45 a. m., Charleston 6.33 a. m., Columbia 6.45 a. m., Atlanta 8.30 a. m., Macon 9.00 a. m., Augusta 2.30 p. m., Denmark 4.25 p. m., Sumter 8.12 a. m., Florence 9.38 a. m., Marion 10.36 a. m., Chadbourn 11.38 a. m., Lake Waccamaw 12.09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 p. m., Halifax 4.30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p. m., Greenville 6.57 p. m., Kinston 7.55 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 a. m., Greenville 8.52 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 a. m., Weldon 11.33 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 a. m. and 2.30 p. m.; arrive Parmele 9.10 a. m. and 4.00 p. m.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; arrives Washington 11.00 a. m. and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p. m.; Sunday, 4.15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 p. m. and 6.10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 a. m. and Sunday 9.00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 a. m. and 11.00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10.25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.20 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 a. m. and 3.00 p. m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.38 a. m., arrive Latta 10.26 a. m., Dillon 10.30 a. m., Rowland 10.54 a. m. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.13 p. m.; arrives Dillon 6.33 p. m., Latta 6.46 p. m., Pee Dee 7.10 p. m., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a. m., Chadbourn 11.43 a. m.; arrive Conway 2.05 p. m.; leave Conway 2.45 p. m., Chadbourn 5.45 p. m.; arrive Hub 6.25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.37 p. m., Manning 6.58 p. m.; arrive Lane's 7.36 p. m.; leave Lane's 8.34 a. m., Manning 9.08 a. m.; arrive Sumter 9.37 a. m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 a. m., 7.55 p. m.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 m., 9.14 p. m.; leave Georgetown 7.00 a. m.; 3.00 p. m.; arrive Lane's 8.25 a. m.; 3.25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10.28 a. m., Cheraw 11.40 a. m., Wadesboro 12.35 p. m.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 p. m.; arrive Darlington 8.35 p. m., Hartsville 9.20 p. m., Bennettsville 9.21 p. m., Gibson 9.45 p. m. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10.27 a. m., Hartsville 11.10 a. m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.35 a. m., Bennettsville 6.59 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7.50 a. m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7.00 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7.45 a. m.; leave Darlington 8.55 a. m.; arrive Florence 9.30 a. m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.35 p. m., Cheraw 5.15 p. m., Darlington 6.20 p. m.; arrive Florence 7.00 p. m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.15 a. m., Darlington 9.00 a. m.; arrive Florence 9.30 a. m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 p. m., 11.16 p. m.; arrive Selma 3.15 p. m., Smithfield 3.22 p. m., Dunn 4.00 p. m., Fayetteville 4.47 p. m., 1.14 a. m., Rowland 6.18 p. m.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 a. m., Fayetteville 12.18 p. m., 10.15 p. m., Dunn 1.01 p. m., Smithfield 1.39 p. m., Selma 1.47 p. m.; arrive Wilson 2.35 p. m., 12.09 a. m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 a. m., Creston 5.17 a. m.; arrive Denmark 6.12 a. m. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 p. m., Creston 5.30 p. m., Sumter 6.25 p. m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 a. m.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a. m. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 a. m.; arrives Creston 3.50 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 p. m and 8.50 p. m. Returning, leave Lucknow 6.05 a. m. and 2.00 p. m.; arrive Elliot 8.35 a. m. and 3.30 p. m.

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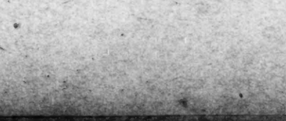

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
3 Pass'g'r Trains		STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.	Goldsboro	A. M. 11 05	A. M.
.....	3 40	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City	7 49	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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Train 4—Leaves Portsmouth 9.20 a. m., arrives Weldon 11.41 a. m., Raleigh 3.30 p. m., Sanford 5.09 p. m., Hamlet 6.53 p. m., Rockingham 7.30 p. m., Wadesboro 8.11 p. m., Monroe 9.19 p. m., Charlotte 10.35 p. m., Athens 3.45 a. m., and Atlanta 6.30 a. m. Connects at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4.10 p. m., Richmond 8.50 p. m., Portsmouth 8.45 p. m. Arrives Weldon 11.10 p. m., Raleigh 2.07 a. m., Sanford 3.35 a. m., Hamlet 5.10 a. m., Rockingham 5.33 a. m., Wadesboro 5.54 a. m., Monroe 6.43 a. m., Charlotte 7.50 a. m., Lincolnton 10.20 a. m., Shelby 11.16 a. m., Rutherfordton 12.30 noon, Athens 1.15 p. m., Atlanta 3.50 p. m. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8.20 a. m. Arrives Laurinburg 8.46 a. m., Maxton 9.05 a. m., Pembroke 9.31 a. m., Lumberton 9.53 a. m., Wilmington 12.05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1.00 p. m. Arrives Athens 3.16 p. m., Monroe 9.30 p. m. Leaves Rutherfordton 4.35 p. m., arrives Shelby 5.55 p. m., Lincolnton 6.56 p. m., Charlotte 8.18 p. m., Monroe 9.10 p. m., Wadesboro 10.31 p. m., Rockingham 11.05 p. m., Hamlet 11.30 p. m., Sanford 1.09 a. m., Raleigh 2.16 a. m., Weldon 4.55 a. m., Portsmouth 7.35 a. m., Richmond 8.18 a. m., Washington 12.31 noon. Pullman sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7.15 p. m., arrives Gibson 8.10 p. m. Returning, leaves Gibson 7.00 a. m., arrives Hamlet 7.50 a. m.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8.40 a. m., arrives Cheraw 10.00 a. m. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5.00 p. m., arrives Hamlet 6.20 p. m.

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FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1898

GREAT BRITAIN AND UNCLE SAM.

Feeling in the House of Commons That Their Interests Are Inseparable.

SHOULD AID EACH OTHER.

Suggestion that in the Event of Complications the Services of the British Fleet Will Be at the Disposal of the United States.

LONDON, March 10.—Mr. Ronald Monroe Ferguson, Liberal, asked the parliamentary secretary for the Foreign Office, Mr. Curson, in the House of Commons to-day, whether there is any truth in the reports that communications on the Cuban question have been exchanged between the British ambassador at Washington, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and the Government of the United States. Mr. Curson said that no communications had been exchanged.

Hon. Hubert Valentine Duncombe, Conservative, gave notice that he would ask Mr. Curzon whether, with the view of recognizing the identity of the interests of all English-speaking peoples, Her Majesty's Government will consider the advisability of placing the services of the British fleet at the disposal of the United States in the event of complications between the United States and any foreign power. The question, however, was not put.

Relative to the withdrawal of his question Mr. Duncombe said: "After consulting with my friends, I decided that the exact form of the question made it inopportune to put it. It was framed owing to the widely held opinion in the House of Commons that it is high time the foreign powers should be told in unmistakable terms that any blow struck at either Great Britain or the United States was equally a blow at the other. I was convinced of this to-day. Many more members than I supposed would do so, came to me in order to say they heartily endorsed my question. I am convinced the government would have desired to answer my proposed question affirmatively and would have done so had it not involved other considerations, beside expressing what I believe the present government sincerely holds—that in the face of foreign complications the interests in the future of Great Britain and the United States are inseparably entwined. To day's expression and endorsement will eventuate so soon as we can frame the question in the exact terms which clearly express the feeling of the House of Commons—that any trouble threatening the United States will be shared by Great Britain."

Other members of the House of Commons who were interviewed on the same subject all spoke in a similar strain.

British Naval Estimates.

LONDON, March 10.—The first lord of the admiralty, The Hon. George J. Goschen, in presenting the naval estimates to the House of Commons to-day, pointed out that, with the outlay in naval works, the expenditure amounted to the collosral sum of 25,550,000 pounds ($127,750,000) which, he explained, was even considered inadequate in some quarters.

Mr. Goschen explained in detail the condition of the navy and a general debate followed. The first lord of the admiralty asked that the navy be given more men. He desired to man the ships up to their full limit. Many of the speakers favored an increase in the naval reserves.

Russia's Provision for Warships.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 10.—An imperial ukase just issued orders the disbursement of 60,000,000 roubles as extraordinary expenditure for the construction of warships. It is added that no loan will be raised to provide the money.

[In official calculations, according to the Statesman's Year Book 6,40 roubles are considered equivalent to the British pound sterling.]

A Triple Alliance.

LONDON, March 10.—The New York correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says: "I have it on the highest authority that a triple alliance between Great Britain, the United States and Japan is pending."

SHARKEY—CHOYNSKI.

A Hotly Contested Fight Expected to-Night in San Francisco.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Choynski and Sharkey have ceased training for their fight to-morrow night. Both are in perfect condition and confident. It is generally conceded that the sailor will give a better account of himself than when he first met Choynski, and a hotly contested mill is confidently expected. Sharkey's staying powers, which have been thoroughly tested by Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Goddard and others, constituted him a favorite in the betting at odds of 10 to 8, much to the surprise of his opponent, but a larger sum of money has already been staked at the odds and there was plenty more on hand this evening. Sharkey will probably enter the ring at 178 pounds while Choynski will probably scale from 160 to 165 pounds to-night. The advance sale of tickets has been unusually heavy.

TWO BATTALIONS OF MARINES.

Orders Issued for the Enlistment of Many Men.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Col. Haywood, commandant of the Marine Corps, received to-day an order from Secretary Long directing him to enlist 473 men, form two battalions of marines and have them ready for movement. The order also authorized the purchase of a sufficient number of tents to accommodate the two battalions and any extra equipment which might be necessary to fit the soldiers for the field.

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A dispatch to the London *Daily Mail* from Singapore says it is reported from Hong Kong that the American squadron has sailed for Manila.

ACTIVITY AT NAVY YARDS.

Rushing Work on Warships—Vessels Placed in Commission—New Rapid Fire Guns Tested.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—The monitor Miantanomah and the ram Katahdin were placed in commission at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the League Island navy yard. The Miantanomah was commanded by Captain Mortimer L. Johnson, and the Katahdin by Captain George F. F. Wilde. Sixty-one seamen arrived at the yard for the two iron-clads, eleven from Boston for the Miantanomah and fifty from New York for the Kathadin. They went aboard their respective vessels immediately. Ammunition will be placed on these ships immediately but it is not known how soon they will sail.

This was the busiest day the navy yard has experienced since the present activity was inaugurated. The regular force of the navy yard proved inadequate for the work on hand and sixty men were sent there from Cramp's ship yard. These included machinists, ship-wrights, blacksmiths and other artisans.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Several hundred extra mechanics are employed at the Brooklyn navy yard. The dispatch boat Dolphin has a swarm of about a hundred mechanics rushing work upon her. Much work is being done on the cruisers Chicago and Atlanta. Work on the torpedo boat Stilleto will be completed by the end of the week when she will be ready for sea. A test was made to-day of one of a consignment of rapid-fire guns just received from the Colt factory at Hartford. It is known as the six millimetre rapid-fire automatic Colt, and is capable of firing 200 shots a minute, with a range of 2,000 yards. The test proved that the bullet would pass through a steel plate three-eighth of an inchs thick, two sides of a coil of pipe, twenty inches of wood backing and another steel plate one-eighth of an inch in thickness. These guns, of which ten have arrived, will be used along the rail of vessels against torpedo boats, and also in the fighting tops.

A large quantity of ammunition for use in the rapid-fire guns arrived at the yard to-day.

BALTIMORE, March 10.—The torpedo boats being built by the Columbian Iron Works are wanted by the government at once. Mayor Malster, who is president of the company, received a telegram from the Navy Department to-day saying that the Rodgers must be turned over within a week, that the McKee must be ready within thirty days and that work on the submarine boat Plunger should be pushed as rapidly as possible. Col. Haywood immediately telegraphed orders to the different navy yards where marines are stationed to recruit all eligible men applying for enlistment.

FOR COAST DEFENCE.

Whaleback Vessels on the Lakes Will Make Formidable Fighting Machines.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 10.—It is stated that the Government is considering a plan whereby the big fleet of whaleback vessels on the Lakes can be turned into formidable fighting machines in case of war. They would doubtless be of great value for coast defence purposes. An important feature is that they can be submerged so that only one foot of the upper works appear above water. Marine men and Government officials agree that with the addition of a couple of turrets to the whaleback, and a ram forward, the vessels would be of great service in case of war.

There are thirty-five of the whalebacks steamers on the Lakes. They are owned by the American Steam Barge Company with headquarters in Cleveland.

BRYAN IN AUGUSTA.

Made Two Speeches to Large Audiences —Bimetallism His Subject.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

AUGUSTA, GA., March 10.—William Jennings Bryan made two speeches in Augusta to-day. In the afternoon he spoke on the rotunda of the court house to a large crowd and at night fully 3,000 people in the opera house. Bimetallism was his subject. While in the city he was the guest of Ex-Senator Patrick Walsh. To-morrow morning Mr. Bryan leaves for Due West, S. C. In conversation to-day Mr. Bryan declared that the cause of bimetallism was growing stronger. Should there be war it would be overshadows other questions, but war might result in settling the money question.

ARMY SUPPLIES WANTED.

Equipments for Infantry and Artillery Harness.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NASHVILLE, TENN., March 10.—Major John E. Greer, commandant in charge of the Columbia arsenal received a telegram from the War Department at Washington, asking if he was prepared to manufacture for the Government on short notice infantry equipments and artillery harness. He replied that this arsenal was not equipped for that work at present, but that upon short notice and with comparatively small outlay of money he could soon have things in readiness for the work.

IN THE FAR EAST.

Japan Issues Warning to Russia—Hurrying the Building of War Vessels.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 11.—The *Morning News* says it learns that Japan has warned Russia that if the latter retains Port Arthur, Japan will retain Wei-Hai-Wei and the islands adjacent.

The same paper says the Japanese admiralty has ordered the men of war building abroad to be hurried and it denies the report that Japan will sell the cruisers now building at Philadelphia and San Francisco.

The business passing in the primary dry-goods market, New York city, is still along quiet lines. There is no increase in the general demand for staple goods, and the trading in the more fancy lines is irregular. Jobbers, however, report very fair sales locally and good returns from out-of-town customers.

Kid McCoy last night signed articles to fight Jack Bonner, March 28th.

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NOT NEGLECTING OLD SHIPS.

Nothing Heard from the Maine Court of Inquiry—Sensational Stories Denied—Arrangements for Arming Auxiliary Cruisers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The United States Government has not yet acquired a single additional ship for the navy. This is true not because of a lack of offers of warships from abroad, but simply for the reason that the Navy Department is proceeding with all of the circumspection consistent with the needs of the case in looking after the qualities and prices of the craft.

Affairs of the Navy.

While looking after new ships the officials of the Navy Department are not neglecting the old vessels, and arrangements have been made to make short repairs on several ships, that in the ordinary course would not be treated in that fashion, but would receive a thorough and time-consuming overhauling. Thus, in the case of the Philadelphia, which has had five years hard work and has never yet been done over as is the custom, orders have gone to Mare Island to put her in shape for sea within forty days. The Yorktown, at the same island, is not to be touched at present—not only because she is in fair condition, but also because she is not so formidable a craft as to make it desirable to divert to her repair attention required elsewhere. At Norfolk the Newark is set down for thirty days' repair, and as a good deal of work has already been done on her she will be almost a new ship when she comes out of the yard. The big monitor Puritan has practically completed her repairs. The monitor Comanche at Mare island has been examined and found in tolerable condition. At League Island the monitor Miantonomah and the ram Katahdin went into commission to-day, although they have not yet had their orders. They probably will remain in the Delaware river or drop into the bay. The torpedo boat Dupont sailed to-day from Mobile to attach herself again to the flotilla at Key West.

Sensational Stories Denied.

Again it was said at the Navy Department that nothing had been heard from the Court of Inquiry at Havana nor from Admiral Sicard at Key West. The presence in the city of several persons connected with steamship lines and steel works led to the circulation of a number of sensational stories during the day, but perhaps none of these had the persistency of one that found currency at the Capitol, until it met a summary denial at the hands of Assistant Secretary Day, to the effect that Minister Woodford had notified the Spanish government that the President intended to send to Congress a message announcing his recognition of Cuban independence.

Commander Hawley left Washington this evening for the South with Chief Engineer Webster and Surgeon Persons to enlist machinists for the navy.

Auxiliary Cruisers.

A conference was held at 3 o'clock in the office of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt to map out plans for arming and equipping merchant vessels as auxiliary cruisers. Mr. Roosevelt presided and the others present were Captain Crowninshield, of the Bureau of Navigation; Captain O'Neill, of the Bureau of Ordnance; Chief Hichborn, of the Bureau of Construction; Commander Bradford, of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. This meeting had been preceded by a call from President Griscom, of the International Navigation Company, which owns the ships St. Louis, St. Paul, Paris and New York. The meeting brought out a general discussion of the work the various bureaus would be called upon to perform in making these and other vessels ready as auxiliary cruisers. About 95 per cent. of this work would fall to the lot of the Bureau of Construction, which would have charge of installing magazines, gun mounts, light protective armor for the guns and magazines, and the circles on which guns swing. This work, it is said, could be accomplished readily within two weeks' time, as all materials, except the guns, are in hand. The Bureau of Ordnance could not supply all the guns required in the short time, although seventy or more of them are now available.

The supply would be adequate, however, for the most effective auxiliary cruisers and the complete armament of the merchantships could proceed as rapidly as possible thereafter. On the question of manning the auxiliary fleet the Navy Department feels that the most effective step would be to enlist into the United States naval service the present merchant crews of the several ships. These crews are thoroughly familiar with the vessels and could handle them with far greater effect than green crews of blue jackets. The ships would be officered from the line of the regular navy. In the case of enlisting a merchant crew the pay and allowances would be about equivalent to the rates paid ordinary sailors and the time of enlistment doubtless would be limited to short periods.

Automobile Torpedoes.

The Navy Department finds itself in comparatively good condition as to the supply of automobile torpedoes, which constitute one of the most deadly engines of naval construction. The Whitehead torpedo is now in general use, although a few of the Howell class are still on hand. Fifty of the Whitehead torpedoes were secured a short time ago, and with these there is a total of about 350 on hand. This gives not only a full outfit for vessels now in commission but also the necessary reserve supply.

Spain's New Minister.

The new Spanish Minister, Senor Polo Y Bernabe, arrived here early to-day. He was met at the station by Senor DuBosc, the Spanish charge and other Spanish officials, who gave him a cordial welcome and escorted him to the legation. Later Senor DuBosc called at the State Department and arranged to present Senor Polo at 11.15 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WILL RUN NIGHT AND DAY.

Two Plants at Reading to Make Projectiles for the Government.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

READING, PA., March 10.—The Carpenter Steel Works this afternoon effected the lease of the large plant of the Diamond Steel Company. The two plants will be run night and day on projectiles as soon as the necessary machinery is procured. A large additional force will be employed.

THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

A Few Bills of Minor Importance Passed—Long Debate on the Indian Appropriation Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—No business of real importance was transacted by the Senate in open session to-day. The session lasted only an hour, the time being largely consumed in disposing of routine morning business. A few bills of minor importance were passed.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, delivered the invocation at the opening of the session. Subsequently, the distinguished divine was accorded the unusual honor of an informal reception on the floor of the Senate.

The joint resolution to revive the grade of lieutenant-general of the army was reported from the Military Affairs committee by Senator Warren, and Mr. Cockrell, Democrat, Missouri, said he desired it to be understood that the report was not unanimous.

The Senate at 1 o'clock went into executive session and at 3:05 P. M. adjourned until Monday.

House of Representatives.

After a debate in the House which lasted more than five hours the Senate amendment to the Indian Appropriation bill providing for the free entry of ceded Indian lands was to-day non-concurred in by a vote of 99 to 136. The friends of the free home clause made a gallant struggle, but they met the opposition of some of the prominent leaders on the Republican side, Messrs. Dingley, Grosvenor, Dalzell and Payne, and they were further weakened by the fact that many of the friends of the proposition were alienated by the belief that, as drawn, the amendment would work injury to the agricultural colleges of the country. The Senate amendment for the ratification of the Seminole treaty was also non-concurred in after the sub-proposition offered by the conferees to ratify the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache treaty had fallen under a point of order. The action of the House to-day sends the bill back to conference with non-concurrence on all the Senate amendments.

After disposing of the Indian appropriation bill, the House, at 5.47 P. M., adjourned.

WARM WIRELETS.

Queen Victoria started for Portsmouth yesterday afternoon, on her way to the south of France.

The White Star steamer Majestic, which left Queenstown yesterday for New York, took £416,500 in gold.

John Wannamaker has consented to be the candidate of the Business Men's Republican League for Governor of Pennsylvania.

Unrequited love induced Chris Schmidt, a cigar maker, last night to kill his sweetheart, Annie Lentz, and then himself, at Pittsburg, Pa.

Senor Gullon has declared to a Madrid journalist that after President McKinley's declarations, no importance should be attached to the arrival of the Montgomery at Havana.

At yesterday's meeting of the Spanish cabinet, Senor Moret, Minister for the Colonies, read a dispatch from Captain General Blanco saying that the situation in Cuba was better.

The President yesterday sent these nominations to the Senate: To be U. S. judge for the Eastern district of Virginia, Edmund Waddill, Jr.; Lawson D. Melton, to be marshal for the district of South Carolina.

A curtailment of production in the cotton mills of New England is under discussion by manufacturers of Fall River, as preliminary to an appeal to the manufacturers at large to adopt this policy the coming Summer.

Dr. George N. Kreider, surgeon of the Second brigade, Illinois National Guard, received notification yesterday from the War Department at Washington, through the State Adjutant General, to have all the appliances of his department in readiness.

Senator Chandler, of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, yesterday introduced a joint resolution providing for the temporary admission free of duty of naval supplies procured abroad. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mayor Robert E. McKisson, of Cincinnati, announces that he will contest the election of Senator Hanna when he attempts to take his seat for the long term. McKisson was the candidate of the opposition for Senator from Columbus last January.

Kate A. Pullison, a white woman, was choked to death last night by Lou Pullison, a negro, with whom she lived as wife in a New York city tenement. Pullison was insanely jealous of the woman and they quarrelled frequently.

A large shipment by the government passed through Jacksonville, Fla., for Key West. "Material for the construction of an extra telegraph cable from Punta Rossa to Key West; explosives and machinery," was the way shipment was billed.

A Berlin dispatch says that the Spanish military agent in Germany, Austria and Scandinavia, has made three conditional purchases of coasting steamers at Fiume and two at Pola, and has gone to Stettin and Hamburg to inspect a number of vessels offered.

Senor Sagasta, the Spanish premier, denies the rumors of ministerial changes. He says: "The responsibilities of power under present conditions are certainly not agreeable, but all the ministers regard it as a question of honor to remain at their posts."

A mixed train on the East and West railroad, running from Cartersville, Ga., into Alabama, went through a burning trestle near Rigland, Ala., yesterday morning. Engineer Spencer Phillips was instantly killed. The passenger cars did not go over the trestle.

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SITUATION IN HAVANA HARBOR.

Court of Inquiry Into the Loss of the Maine Continuing Its Work.

THE CRUISER MONTGOMERY.

Consul General Lee—The Spanish Court of Inquiry—The Fern to Sail To-day From Key West With Supplies for Starving Cubans.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, March 10.—The Central Committee of the Conservative party after a debate which lasted until 3 o'clock this morning, has agreed to take part in the forthcoming elections. The attitude of the Conservatives, however, does not mean that they accept the autonomous form of government, or that they will contribute to it establishment.

Captain Converse, of the United States cruiser Montgomery, in company with Consul General Lee, called on Captain General Blanco to-day and was received cordially and courteously.

The United States Court of Inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine is quietly continuing its work and its members are as secretive as usual. So far as can be judged there have been no important developments recently.

Captain Sampson, who has been exposed to the sun while on the wreck lately, is somewhat indisposed to-day, but the doctor on the Montgomery says he has no apprehension of a serious illness.

The Spanish divers avoid the noon day heat, working in the morning and evening.

Two divers were examined by the American Court of Inquiry to-day as to their recent observations at the wreck.

The work of wreckage appears very slow. If any real progress is made it is scarcely apparent from day to day. Still, it is hoped that when the upper debris has been removed to the barge more bodies will be recovered. It may be, however, that the last body retaining a shape recognizable as human has been removed from the Maine.

Chaplain Chidwick to-day, from descriptions in enlistment papers, identified two bodies that were buried at Colen Cemetery together some days ago as those of Joseph I. Gordon and Johnson, both colored.

Cruiser Montgomery.

The officers and men of the Montgomery are still refused shore leave. They devote much time to drill and setting-up exercises, the latter exciting much interest and especially to the sailors on the Spanish ships, where the tactics are quite different.

Consul General Lee called to-day on Commander Converse, of the Montgomery. The Congressional tourists are likely to remain ten days or a fortnight, as the health regulations would prevent an earlier departure even if desired. Ten o'clock to-morrow has been fixed as the time for the call of ceremony of General Blanco. There is official authority for the statement that the Spanish court of inquiry will make its decision public as soon as reached.

Key West Advices.

KEY WEST, FLA., March 10.—The United States dispatch boat Fern arrived here this morning from Havana. The Fern brought the Maine's silverware and sixty rifles recovered from the wreck. Mr. Bissell, stenographer of the Court of Inquiry, was also on board. Both official stenographers have now left the court and it now has only a temporary clerk. This leads many here to think that its work is practically done and that it will return to Key West by or before Saturday.

The Fern coaled and the provisions for the starving Cubans were then put on board. She is scheduled to sail for Matanzas to-morrow. The Marblehead will go from the Tortugas to Tampa, where it is reported she will take on additional ammunition. The British cruiser Cordelia coaled to-day.

Senator Proctor.

NEW YORK, March 10.—A special to the *Evening World* from Key West says: Among the passengers on the Olivette from Havana to-day was Senator Proctor, of Vermont, who has been making a study of Cuba and Cubans. With him was Col. M. M. Parker, of Washington. As soon as Senator Proctor had registered he at once sent up his card to Admiral Sicard. He was shown to the admiral's room and was closeted with him for two hours. The object of the interview is presumably to deliver to the admiral some messages from Commander Converse, of the Montgomery.

Col. Parker said to an *Evening World* reporter: "The famine, suffering and awful destitution among the reconcentrados is somewhat almost indescribable. The alcade of Matanzas told me that 55,000 persons had died of starvation in that city during the last year and that 5,600 had died during February.

"Every one in Havana now knows that the Maine was blown up. Spaniards no longer deny it. They do not seem to be very sad over it, either."

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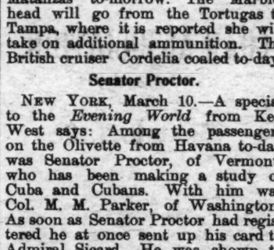

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